

IV. REMARKS

Claim 18 is presented. Claim 18 was previously claim 15. In the amendment filed on January 26, 2004, the Remarks section inadvertently indicated that claim 15 was canceled. However, the claims portion of the amendment clearly indicated that claim 15 was continued to be presented for consideration in its original form. It is unclear to the undersigned, why the Patent Office accepted the amendment in the first instance, when the claims section did not correspond to the patent office's action in canceling the claim. Applicant did not cancel claim 15 and no such action should have been taken.

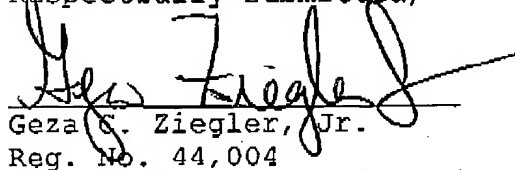
Another copy of form 1449 is once again resubmitted.

SUMMARY

Applicant submits that all of the claims under consideration contain patentable subject matter and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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